

IN RECOGNITION OF “REVEREND RUFUS COPELAND”

WHEREAS, Reverend Rufus Copeland, a native of Sandersville, Georgia, a.k.a. “Deep Step”, and graduate, with a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in Theology, from the Christian Life School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Copeland has contributed to the spiritual enrichment of the Augusta community as preacher, counselor, teacher and humanitarian, confidant and friend; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Copeland is currently the Pastor of Gardner Grove Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, where he has served diligently since 1986. Reverend Copeland’s motto is “We Walk by Faith and not by Sight”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 27, 2003 to be “REVEREND RUFUS COPELAND DAY” in Augusta, Georgia in recognition of his 17th Pastoral Anniversary and encourage all citizens to participate in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 27th day of April 2003.